

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This list of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1: – 14. Cancelled.

15. (Currently Amended) A method ~~ef~~ for making a membrane electrode assembly (MEA) for a fuel cell, said method comprising:

providing a cathode side diffusion media layer;

depositing a cathode side catalyst layer on the cathode side diffusion media layer;

spraying an ionomer layer on the cathode side catalyst layer; and

providing an anode side diffusion media layer;

depositing an anode side catalyst layer on the anode side diffusion media layer;

spraying an ionomer layer on the anode side catalyst layer;

positioning the diffusion media layers adjacent to at opposite sides of a membrane so that the ionomer layers faces the membrane; and

operating the fuel cell to cause the diffusion media layers to form to the membrane so that the diffusion media layers do not need to be bonded to the membrane prior to operating the fuel cell.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 15 wherein depositing ~~[[a]]~~ the catalyst layers on the diffusion media layers includes depositing the catalyst layers so that ~~it is~~ they are about the same size as the diffusion media layers.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 15 further comprising providing a microporous layer as part of the diffusion media layers, where the catalyst layers ~~[[is]]~~ are deposited on the microporous layer.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 15 wherein the membrane is a perfluorinated membrane.

19. Cancelled.